



## Prevailing Wage Rates On W. P. A. Work Sought by the A. F. of L.

By A. R. L. Weekly News Service. July 12, 1939, to consider the extension of the WPA hours to 180 per wage rates on work performed by the month, and the elimination of the pro-

"As increase both the W. P. A. schedule in 180 hours a month," the resolution of the hourly wage beneath the Administration will increase the cost of administration of the State, counties and cities, and burden the State, counties and cities.

This is definitely a matter of those who are responsible for the maintenance and supply of labor for their own employees, and it is a matter of the structure in private industry.

The resolution also states that the interests between organized labor and unorganized labor are being transferred to WPA.

The resolution also states that the

of WPA would end the department's long-standing support of quartermasters.

But a spokesman for the House Commerce Committee said that a special session of Congress is called to remedy the error.

In its report on this proposal, the committee Committee on Resolutions of the House of Representatives said:

Your committee is in fact acting on the basis of the information that the convention approves of the action proposed by the American Association, as presented by President Green in Washington, D. C., on June 10, 1939.

The convention unanimously adopted the report of the committee.

**Subsidies For Commercial Transportation Companies Explored by the A. F. of L.**

*By A. F. of L. Weekly News Service*

The question of subsidies to commercial transportation companies was referred, "for study and action," to the Executive Committee of the American Federation of Labor on June 10, 1939.

The large maritime company was referred in most cities are connected with the industry.

As a remedy for this situation, the resolution asked that the American Federation of Labor "go on record to petition the American and Canadian governments, as well as State and provincial legislatures, to compel all foreign and domestic transportation

[illegible]

## A.F.L. Auto Workers Seek Paid Vacations

the Board of Directors of Council of the American Federation of Labor and C. F. of A. affiliates, at their regular meeting on May 10, 1934, and the following resolution (relating that all future contracts between the C. F. of A. and employers in the food and drug industry shall be subject to the C. F. of A. clause providing for joint-manville signs).

### JOINT-MANVILLE SIGNS

#### A F. OF L. AGREEMENT

Contract Includes Wage Increases and Paid Vacations for Employees.

Chicago, Ill.—A. F. of L. Federal Union of Food and Drug Workers, in signing of a new agreement with the National Food and Drug Manufacturers Supply Manufacturers, has secured the following provisions:

1. A 10% wage increase, effective June 1, 1934, and one-half for all employees over eight years of service, and one-half for those who have been with the company for less than eight years.

2. Paid vacations for all employees engaged in continuous operation; the holiday with pay shall be 10 days for each year of service.

3. Night or emergency work shall be paid at a rate of 150% of the regular rate.

4. If the company's earnings fall below hourly earnings for the previous year, the company will not penalize any employee for the loss of earnings.

5. A guarantee of existing wages until January 1, 1935.

### BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY

#### AID GUARDED BY A. F. L.

Under the agreement, the basic wage rate is increased from 50 to 53 cents an hour, the hourly wage rate is increased by 3 cents, and provision is made for one week's vacation with pay.

[illegible]

The contract expires May 1, 1940, the date of expiration of other union contracts with the firm, and is renewable unless reposed on notice of intention to seek changes by either party. It is retroactive to October 1,

Employees eligible for membership in the union have joined, and the firm's warehouse workers and truck drivers are already organized. Looks as though the Stone-Ordan-Wells Company is virtually 100 per cent union shop.





